



General Assembly

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**Substitute Bill No. 5275**

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**AN ACT EXPANDING THE BEVERAGE CONTAINER REDEMPTION PROVISIONS TO WATER BOTTLES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivisions (1) and (2) of section 22a-243 of the general  
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

4 (1) "Beverage" means beer or other malt beverages and [mineral  
5 waters] water, soda water and similar carbonated soft drinks in liquid  
6 form and intended for human consumption;

7 (2) "Beverage container" means the individual, separate, sealed  
8 glass, metal or plastic bottle, can, jar or carton, less than one gallon in  
9 size, containing a beverage.

10 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 22a-244 of the general statutes is  
11 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
12 *October 1, 2006*):

13 (b) Every beverage container sold or offered for sale in this state,  
14 except beverage containers sold or offered for sale for consumption on  
15 an interstate passenger carrier, shall clearly indicate by bar code and  
16 embossing or by a stamp or by a label or other method securely affixed  
17 to the beverage container (1) either the refund value of the container or

18 the words "return for deposit" or "return for refund" or other words as  
19 approved by the Department of Environmental Protection, and (2)  
20 either the word "Connecticut" or the abbreviation "Ct.", provided this  
21 subdivision shall not apply to glass beverage containers permanently  
22 marked or embossed with a brand name.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	22a-243(1) and (2)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	22a-244(b)

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*